1	2	3	4
3.	Maharashtra	2007	1985
		2008 (upto 31.01.2008)	110
4.	Punjab	2007-08	18
5.	Kerala	2007 (upto 31.10.2007)	64
6.	Gujarat	2007	103
		2008 (upto March, 2008)	10
7.	Tamil Nadu	2000-2007 (up to March 2007)	26

NB: Other States and all Union Territories have reported 'nil' information relating to suicide by farmers.

Performance of National Fisheries Development Board

15. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of the National Fisheries Development Board so far and the status of the Blue Revolution Plan; and

(b) the steps taken by NFDB for the fishing industry in Karnataka and Kerala, in particular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) The National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) has embarked upon blue revolution through several programmes and schemes for development of fisheries and aquaculture in the country. It has so far provided financial support to the extent of Rupees 68.82 crore for implementation of schemes such as (i) Intensive Aquaculture in ponds and tanks, (ii) stocking of reservoirs, (iii) post harvest and marketing infrastructure, (iv) coastal aquaculture, (v) training, (vi) deep sea fishing etc.

(b) NFDB, through its programmes, has released an amount of Rupees 8.89 crore and Rupees 3.12 crore for fisheries sector in the states of Karnataka and Kerala respectively. The major activities undertaken in these states are (i) establishment of domestic marketing infrastructure, (ii) seed production, (iii) freshwater aquaculture including prawn farming, (iv) ornamental fisheries, (v) reservoir development, (vi) training and demonstration etc.

Suicides by farmers despite loan waiver by Government

16. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that suicides by farmers continue unabated even after the announcement of loan waiver in the annual budget;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken by Government in this regard?